GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA

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ISSUANCE OF INDIAN COMMERCIAL PILOTS LICENCE
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware of irregularities in the issuance of Indian Commercial Pilot Licence;

(b) if so, the facts and details in this regard;

(c) whether the Chief Flying Instructor cleared cases of a large number of pilots without conducting the mandatory flying checks of their competence;

(d) if so, whether the Government proposes to investigate the matter and award punishment to the involved officials; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL)

(a), (b), (c), (d) and (e):- It has been reported in the Times of India on 6th November, 2007 that Capt. Ashim Taxali, Chief Flying Instructor (CFI) of M/s. Carver Aviation Academy, Baramati has cleared some student pilots without their flight test. An enquiry has been ordered by Director General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) to investigate the malpractices reported in Carver Aviation Academy. The final investigation report is awaited. Capt. Ashim Taxali has been removed from the CFI position in M/s. Carver Aviation Academy pending final investigation. The position of CFI has been taken over by Capt. A.K. Mohan. Show Cause notices have been served to Capt. Ashim Taxali and the student pilots who were falsely cleared by him. Further action will be taken after finalisation of the investigation.